

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9031

By Stevens

A RESOLUTION to commend Major General Tommy H. Baker for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Deputy Adjutant General.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Major General Tommy H. Baker is one such estimable individual, who has served with distinction for three years as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Tennessee National Guard (TNG), in which position he has acted with resolute dedication while displaying the finest qualities of military distinction; and

WHEREAS, first appointed to this post in September 2018, Major General Baker serves as the Deputy Commander to the Adjutant General, with responsibility, oversight, and administration of more than 13,000 soldiers and airmen in the TNG; and

WHEREAS, as Deputy Adjutant General, he also has the responsibility of synchronizing all State and interagency entities within the military department, including State administrative services, family support programs, the State Guard, and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, and he has served in the capacity of Department of Veterans Services Commissioner for the State since December 2020; and

WHEREAS, Major General Tommy Baker enlisted as a 19D Cavalry Scout in Troop B, 230th Cavalry Troop in December 1980; he has served as a Cavalry Troop, as an Armor Company Commander, and in various Maintenance and Logistics Officer Command and staff assignments within the Tennessee Army National Guard, and

WHEREAS, immediately prior to his current post, from 2014 to 2018, Major General Baker served as the Assistant Adjutant General-Army at Joint Force Headquarters-Tennessee in Nashville; in this capacity, he was the Army Commander, charged with the oversight and administration of the training, logistics, and personnel operations for the Tennessee Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Major General Tommy Baker deployed to Kuwait in 2004 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom III, serving as the Theater Combat Service Support Automation Management Officer; he again deployed in 2008 as the Commander of the 30th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion at Q-West, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Major General Tommy Baker has received a number of medals, ribbons, and decorations, including the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Combat Action Badge; and

WHEREAS, Major General Baker earned his bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of Tennessee at Martin and received his master's degree in business administration and military management from Touro University; he is a 2011 graduate of the U.S. Army War College, with a master's degree in strategic studies; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Major General Tommy Baker has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of Tennessee's military personnel; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Major General Tommy H. Baker for his honorable and astute service to the State of Tennessee as Deputy Adjutant General of the Tennessee National Guard and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.